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Abstract

ITU-T Recommendation **H.323** version 4 introduced an **H.323**-specific Uniform Resource Locator (**URL**). This document reproduces the **H323-URL** definition found in **H.323**, and is published as an RFC for ease of access and registration with the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA).

Conventions used in this document

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in BCP 14, **RFC 2119** [2].

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1. Introduction

ITU-T Recommendations **H.323** [3] and H.225.0 [4] define a system for multimedia communications services over packet based networks. H.225.0 [4] defines an alias type for carrying any standard Uniform Resource Locator (**URL**). **H.323** version 4 [3] introduced an **H.323-specific URL**, which may be used to resolve the **address** of a network entity to which **H.323** calls may be directed.

This document reproduces the H323-**URL** definition found in ITU-T recommendation **H.323** [3] and is published as an RFC for ease of access and IANA registration.

2. **URL** Scheme Formal Syntax Definition and Character Encoding

The **H.323 URL** is defined in ABNF as shown below. Note that it utilizes the Core Rules specified in section 6.1 of [2].

```

H323-URL      = "h323:" address [ url-parameters ]
address       = user / "@" hostport / user "@" hostport
user          = 1*(%x21-24 / %x26-3F / %x41-7F / escaped)
               ; The symbols "%", "@", and symbols with
               ; a character value below 0x21 may be
               ; represented as escaped sequences.

hostport      = host [ ":" port ]
host          = hostname / IPv4address / IPv6reference
hostname      = *( domainlabel "." ) toplabel [ "." ]
domainlabel   = alphanum / alphanum *( alphanum / "-" ) alphanum
toplabel      = ALPHA / ALPHA *( alphanum / "-" ) alphanum
IPv4address   = 1*3DIGIT "." 1*3DIGIT "." 1*3DIGIT "." 1*3DIGIT
IPv6reference = "[" IPv6address "]"
IPv6address   = hexpart [ ":" IPv4address ]
hexpart       = hexseq / hexseq "::" [ hexseq ] / "::" [ hexseq ]
hexseq        = hex4 *( ":" hex4 )
hex4          = 1*4HEXDIG
port          = 1*DIGIT
url-parameters = *( ";" url-parameter )
url-parameter  = 1*(%x21-24 / %x26-3A / %x3C-7F / escaped)
               ; Specific parameter definitions are for
               ; further study.
               ; The symbols "%", ";", and symbols
               ; with a character value below 0x21 may be
               ; represented as escaped sequences.

alphanum      = ALPHA / DIGIT
escaped       = "%" HEXDIG HEXDIG

```

The host is case insensitive.

The "user" is a Unicode [8] string that shall be UTF-8 [7] encoded

and then escaped as necessary. In the "user" field, the characters with a numeric value below 0x80 are case insensitive and the characters with a numeric value above or equal to 0x80 are case sensitive.

The character set and case sensitivity of the "url-parameter" is specified in each parameter definition.

3. Intended Usage

The **H.323 URL** is intended to help an entity resolve the **address** of another **H.323** entity, where an "entity" may be a user, a device, or a service. The "user" portion of the **URL** specifies an alias for the entity, without carrying any information about the location of the entity. The "hostport", on the other hand, is the domain name of an Endpoint, Gatekeeper, Border Element, or other functional element to which **H.323** calls may be directed or for which services may be performed.

4. Applications and/or protocols, which may use **H.323 URL** scheme

H.323 URLs may be carried by other protocols, such as SIP [6] or TRIP [9]. **H.323** URLs may be also contained within web pages or within XML data, which may be utilized by **H.323** entities in order to initiate calls or perform services.

5. Security Considerations

When an **H.323 URL** is carried within H.225.0 [4] messages, security is addressed by the H.235 security framework [5]. When an **H.323 URL** carried within other protocols (such as SIP [6]), the security is addressed within the corresponding protocol.

In general, security, as it relates to the usage and carriage of the **H.323** URLs, is considered as an issue that should be addressed within scope of **H.323** or other relevant protocols and is not within the scope of this document.

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6. IANA Considerations

The purpose of this document is serving as a reference point for the purposes of registering the **H.323 URL** scheme with IANA.

Having the **URL** registered with IANA will ensure that there is no duplication of the **URL** scheme "h323". This document reproduces the exact H323-**URL** definition as published in ITU-T Recommendation **H.323** [3].

Registration Template

URL scheme name: h323

URL scheme syntax: Section 2 of **RFC 3508**

Character encoding considerations: Section 2 of **RFC 3508**

Intended usage: Section 3 of **RFC 3508**

Applications and/or protocols which use this scheme: Section 4 of **RFC 3508**

Interoperability considerations: None. (Section 2 of **RFC 3508** contains the first version of "h323" **URL** definition.)

Security considerations: Section 5 of **RFC 3508**

Relevant publications: [3] and [4]

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... The CallTo URL syntax, introduced in **NetMeeting** 3, allows you to specify an extensible address for placing all forms of **NetMeeting** calls from your Web page. ...

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... Url: <http://www.gnomemeeting> ... that allows you to make audio and video calls to remote users with H.323 hardware or software (such as Microsoft **Netmeeting**). ...

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